



The ninth Congressional district is the largest coastal district in Ohio, spanning four of Ohio's coastal counties, formerly known as the Black Swamp region. Celebrating the rich history of Ohio's marshland, the district is home to Ohio's only federally-designated wildlife refuge, the [Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge](#)

. This refuge, and much of the district, is the site for a biennial migration for birds that travel every spring and fall between North and South America due to its location at the intersection of the Mississippi and Atlantic flyways.

Environmental Stewardship

For the last decade, Congresswoman Kaptur has been leading an effort known as the [Western Lake Erie Basin Partnership](#)

. This partnership has created a regional collaboration through which the various federal, state, and local governments are negotiating a plan for restoring the watershed. By planning at the watershed level, governments and nonprofits leverage dollars more effectively, with their partners at the same table. While Lake Erie has a long way to go, this partnership has formalized the process for highlighting the natural wonders of Ohio's North Coast.

Wildlife Heritage

With sensitive environmental habitat across the ninth Congressional district, Congresswoman Kaptur has been working for decades to showcase the environmental heritage of the district. In 2003, Congresswoman Kaptur and John Dingell shepherded the passage of H.R. 289, the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge. The legislation expanded this international and bi-state refuge system. She has also proudly secured federal dollars to construct the [Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge Complex](#)

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) , to acquire land for the refuge, to create the
[Fallen Timbers Battlefield Monument](#)
, and to support restoration of the
[Perry's Victory Monument](#)

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